

BENEFICIAL PLANT LIST FOR THE HARFORD COUNTY BAY REGION

TREE	HGT	FEATURES
American Holly <i>Ilex opaca</i>	45'	evergreen; red berry; needs moist, acid soil
White Pine <i>Pinus strobus</i>	80-100'	evergreen; oval cone; fast growing; needs well-drained soil; tolerates part shade
Eastern Red Cedar <i>Juniperus Virginiana</i>	80'	evergreen; pyramidal; thick branches; dense foliage; tolerates poor soils
Canadian Hemlock <i>Tsuga Canadensis</i>	90'	evergreen; pyramidal; dense habit; prefers rich, moist soil
Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	75'	globular; fast-growing; early red blossom; prefers wet, but tolerates dry soil
Sugar Mable <i>Acer saccharum</i>	75'	oval; beautiful fall color; prefers sandy, loam soil; needs sun
Shagbark Hickory <i>Carya ovata</i>	60-100'	oval; narrow habit; nuts; needs deep, rich soil and sun
Red or Green Ash <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>	60'	oval; fast-growing; prefers rich, well-drained soil
Sweet Gum <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	50'	pyramidal; fast-growing; pretty fall color; unusual leaf; needs well-drained to wet soil
Tulip Poplar <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	80-120'	pyramidal; fast-growth; tulip-like flower in June; needs deep, rich soil and sun
White Oak <i>Quercus alba</i>	60-90'	round-headed, largest of oaks; tolerates a range of soils
Sourwood <i>Oxydendron arboreum</i>	40-60'	pyramidal; flower tassels in July; glossy foliage; striking fall color
Sycamore <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	120'	oval; white, exfoliating bark; attracts insects for birds
Scarlet Oak <i>Quercus coccinea</i>	60-80'	oval; medium grower; brilliant fall color; tolerates dry soil; needs sun
Willow Oak <i>Quercus Phellos</i>	50'	pyramidal; fast-growing; fine-textured foliage; tolerates wet soil and dry soil
Black Cherry <i>Prunus serotina</i>	55'	abundant black fruit; white fragrant flowers in spring
American Ash <i>Fraxinus Americana</i>	70-90'	fast-growing; prefers well-drained loamy soils; late summer/fall fruit
American Beech <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	80'	large smooth trunk; slow growing; prefers well-drained light soil
Black Gum	75'	horizontal branches; brilliant fall color;

<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>		tolerates moist soil
Serviceberry <i>Amelanchier arborea</i> or <i>canadensis</i>	20-30'	oval; light grey bark; early white blossom; red fruit
Ironwood <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	30'	oval; smooth grey bark; zig-zag branches; winged fruit; tolerates moist or dry soil
Washington Hawthorn <i>Crataegus phaenopyrum</i>	30'	oval; brilliant fall color; June white flower; tolerates poor soils; needs light shade
Hackberry <i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	30-40'	round; fast-grower; corky knobs on bark; tolerates most soils
Redbud <i>Cercis Canadensis</i>	40'	globular; flower clusters appear before leaves in April; heart-shaped leaves
Fringetree <i>Chioanthus virginicus</i>	30'	pyramidal; slow-growing; fragrant June flower; needs moist soil and some shade
Flowering Dogwood <i>Cornus florida</i>	30'	oval; flowers appear before leaves in May; needs well-drained acid soil and part shade
Cockspur Hawthorn <i>Crataegus crus-galli</i>	30'	glossy foliage; dense habit; persistent red fruit; tolerates poor soils and some shade

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Inkberry <i>Ilex glabra</i>	3-15'	evergreen; globular; nectar for bees; open habit; small leaf; black berry; need acid soil
Juniper <i>Juniperus communis</i>	2-30'	evergreen; oval; bluish green foliage and berries; tolerates poor, dry soils
Creeping Juniper <i>Juniperus horizontalis</i>	2'	evergreen; many cultivars; foliage may change color; tolerates any soil
Mountain Laurel <i>Kalmia latifolia</i>	5-30'	evergreen; whorled leaves; flower in June; needs shade and deep moist acid soil
Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron catawbiense</i>	12-15'	evergreen; majestic bell shaped lilac- purple flowers; tolerates poor soil; needs acid soil
Great Laurel <i>Rhododendron maxima</i>	15-25'	Large, waxy evergreen leaves; late June flower; needs moist, acid soil
Red Chokeberry <i>Aronia arbutifolia</i>	9'	flowers May-June; smooth, pale leaves; red berry; tolerates wet and dry, acid soils
Black Chokeberry <i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	3-6'	oval; black berry; tolerates wet and dry acid soil
Sweet Pepperbush <i>Clethra alnifolia</i>	3-6'	oval; fragrant flower July-August; needs moist acid soil and some shade
Gray Dogwood <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	8-15'	vase-shaped; clustered flower June-July; gray stalk; white berry; tolerates any soil
Wahoo <i>Euonymus atropurpureus</i>	3-6'	oval; purple-pink fruit capsule; bright fall color; needs moist, deep, fertile soil
Witch-alders <i>Fothergilla species</i>	3-6'	oval; brilliant fall color; needs moist, rich soil

Winterberry <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	4-9'	oval; small flower May; bright red berry; tolerates any soil and needs some shade
Honeysuckle Azalea <i>Rhododendron roseum</i>	9'	oval; May-June pink flower; blue-green foliage; needs well-drained soil
Pinxter Azalea <i>Rhododendron nudiflorum</i>	6'	oval; April-May pink flower; needs moist, acid soil; tolerates some sun
Clammy Swamp Axalea <i>Rhododendron viscosum</i>	9-15'	oval; needs moist, acid soil; tolerates light sun
Shining Sumac <i>Rhus copallina</i> Needs sun	8-30'	globular; lustrous foliage; flowers July-August; red fruit; tolerates dry soil;
Staghorn Sumac <i>Rhus typhina</i>	6-25'	globular; flowers June-July; red fruit; needs dry, well-drained soil and sun
Elderberry <i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>	6-12'	oval; white, flat flower cluster June-July; needs deep, well-drained soil and sun
Coralberry <i>Symphoricarpos orbiculatus</i>	3-6'	small, pale oval leaves; curving branches; tolerates poor soil and some shade
Snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>	3-6'	small, terminal spiked flower in July; white berry; tolerates any soil
Highbush Blueberry <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	3-10'	oval; fragrant, small flower; brilliant fall color; tolerates poor soil; needs sun
Highbush Cranberry 12' <i>Viburnum trilobum</i>		globular, flat flower cluster in May; needs well-drained, acid soil; tolerates shade
Black Haw <i>Viburnum prunifolium</i>	10-25'	attractive flower clusters; bluish-black fruit; oval leaf; tolerate most soils
Yellow-root <i>Xanthorhiza simplicissima</i>	2'	yellow bark and root; small flower; tolerates most soils

Plant information taken from Bayscapes literature published by the [Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay](#).